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Commandos crush Moluccan gunmen

ASSEN, The Netherlands (AP). — Dutch commandos stormed a train school at dawn yesterday and killed all but two of 55 hostages held 30 days by South Moluccan terrorists.

King's killer escapes from Tennessee jail

KATROS, Tennessee. — Police with bloodhounds and helicopters yesterday scoured the rugged mountains of eastern Tennessee for James Earl Ray, convicted assassin of black civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

Ray and five other prisoners broke out of the maximum security Brushy Mountain state prison on Friday night in an escape which raised immediate speculation about a possible conspiracy.

Lawyer Jack Kershaw, who had been representing Ray in his effort to get a retrial for the 1968 King shooting, told the "Knoxville News Sentinel": "He (Ray) may never be heard from again because he was going to have a new trial and tell all."

"I have heard that there are rumblings within certain segments of the underground, but I don't think it is beyond chance that James Earl Ray was taken over the wall (forced escape)."

The Reverend Ralph Abernathy, who succeeded Dr. King as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said he thought the escape was "a move to set up Ray to be destroyed."

President Jimmy Carter ordered Attorney General F. Griffin Bell to state officials whatever assistance he could and FBI director Clarence Kelley personally ordered his agents into the case.

Ray had previously tried to escape the prison, where he was sentenced to serve 99 years after pleading guilty to King's murder. He has recanted his confession, and has been telling federal investigators that he was part of a conspiracy and did not pull the trigger. Ray, who had boasted that no prison could hold him, and the five others, including three more convicted murderers, broke out of the jail by scaling a 6-meter wall on a flimsy home-made ladder during an exercise period. A search party was sent out to find the escapees. The authorities said that bloodhounds had sniffed out the trail of the six escapees to a point where they had split into three groups.

(Reuters, AP)

Israeli freighter rescues unwanted Vietnam refugees

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Israeli freighter Yuval rescued 66 exhausted Vietnamese refugees off the coast of Vietnam on Friday afternoon.

The ship is now on her way to Japan and her owners, Ofar Brothers of Haifa, have asked the Foreign Ministry to try to find a haven for the refugees, possibly through the good offices of the U.S. In general, the Far Eastern countries are not keen to permit the entry of Vietnamese refugees.

Company general manager Yehuda Ofar told The Jerusalem Post that the ship, carrying general cargo, was on her way from Thailand to Japan when she sighted a small fishing boat whose motor had broken down, not far from Saigon. Captain Amnon Tadmor immediately stopped his ship to rescue the passengers, who were 66 Vietnamese refugees, including 20 children and 16 women. They were in

a state of exhaustion, and said they had had neither food nor water for four days.

Though it was clear to the captain that he would have difficulties in putting the refugees ashore in any of the neighboring countries, he decided to take them on board. His earliest course would have been to alert the Vietnamese coast guard at Saigon, to take the refugees back.

"But in radio-telephone consultations we decided that we as Israelis and Jews should not return refugees to the country they had fled," Ofar said. The mainly Israeli crew of the Yuval made the refugees as comfortable as possible, and the ship is continuing on her course. She is due to reach Japan on Wednesday, and Ofar said he hoped that by then a solution would be found for the refugees.

The Israel Embassy in Washington yesterday contacted the U.S. authorities and asked them to find some haven for the refugees. It also asked that Washington make arrangements with Taipei to take the group ashore when the freighter reaches Taiwan on Wednesday.

In the past Washington has managed to secure asylum for many groups of refugees who fled Vietnam, and it is assumed that some arrangement can be made this time as well.

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Some of the hostages held on the Dutch train by South Moluccan gunmen since May 23 beam as they enter a hospital yesterday for a medical examination after their dramatic release by commandos at dawn. (AP radiophoto)

Katz to Brzezinski: Israel will honour resolutions 242, 338

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Likud representative Shmuel Katz informed National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski on Friday that the next Israeli government will honour UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for an Arab-Israeli settlement in the Middle East.

Meeting with reporters following the one-hour session at the White House, Katz said that the Likud-led government will abide by the interpretation of Resolution 242 given by previous Israeli governments since its adoption by the Security Council in November 1967, following the Six Day War.

Katz said that Israel will strive for face-to-face negotiations "without preliminary conditions." The Likud emissary, who was dispatched by Menachem Begin to the U.S. to explain the Likud's foreign policy, said that Israel will work towards achieving a peace treaty with its Arab neighbours and that any actions will "flow from that peace treaty." This was seen here as indicating that any territorial withdrawal undertaken by Israel would have to follow the signing of a formal document with the Arab states.

Katz, who was accompanied by Ambassador Simcha Dinitz to the session, said that the next Israeli government will not engage in negotiations "with the media or anyone else," only with the Arab states.

Originally Brzezinski had been reluctant to see Katz because no new Israeli government has yet been formed. But the White House aide changed his mind after Israel President Ephraim Katsir formally granted Begin a mandate to attempt to form the next government and after the Israel embassy here officially requested such a meeting for Katz.

Since arriving in the U.S. nearly two weeks ago, Katz has been modifying the tone of his statements to project a more moderate appearance. He continued to be deliberately ambiguous with respect to a possible Israeli withdrawal from Judea, Samaria or the Gaza Strip, refusing to say whether such a policy by Israel would be negotiable or non-negotiable.

During meetings over the past few days with numerous senators and representatives, American Jewish leaders, members of the press, and others, Katz has stressed Israel's readiness to negotiate peace with the Arab states.

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Humphrey endorses Carter on Mideast

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Senator Hubert Humphrey has come to the defence of President Jimmy Carter's Middle East policy — apparently at the behest of Carter himself.

Carter apparently enlisted the aid of the Minnesota Democrat, long known as one of Israel's most outspoken supporters, in a move to stem criticism and doubt about some of Carter's recent statements on the Middle East.

"President Carter is an unwavering supporter of the State of Israel in whom all who have worried for Israel's cause can have complete trust," Humphrey said in a statement over the weekend.

Following a meeting with the President at the White House, Humphrey noted that he had also come away from that session, much of which was devoted to the Middle East, "with the conviction that the President is carefully moving in the right direction in the Middle East to break the logjam which has kept the parties apart for so long."

Humphrey continued: "We cannot let the opportunity for peace escape our grasp. Peace is in the best interest of the U.S. and Israel."

The Humphrey statement follows several indications from Israel of a growing concern that Carter is moving in the direction of an imposed Arab-Israeli solution. Israeli leaders have complained about the President's repeated references to the need for the establishment of a Palestinian "homeland" — a statement that has been interpreted by many as calling for a separate Palestinian state. This is opposed by Israel.

Meanwhile, Senator Adlai Stevenson (D-Illinois) last night warned that the American commitment to Israel is "as strong as ever, but it is not blind and unthinking."

In a speech before the national governing council of the American Jewish Congress in Chicago, the senator declared that the U.S. commitment to Israel "depends not on the steadfastness of America — that is not in doubt. It depends on the steadfastness of Israel, and that is not in doubt either."

The bill includes an 18-month grace period so that contracts entered into before May 18 could include prohibited actions related to the boycott.

During the congressional debates, many members expressed concern that the legislation was too weak and that, in some cases, it in effect required U.S. corporations to cooperate with the boycott.

But they said they were convinced this was the strongest enforceable bill possible that would not jeopardize a Middle East peace agreement or disrupt U.S. business interests, including access to Arab oil supplies. (Cairo meeting — page 5)

DMC seen not joining gov't; finds Likud 'too hawkish'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sources in the Democratic Movement for Change predicted yesterday that the movement's 120-member Council will decide not

to join Menachem Begin's proposed government because the Likud was not ready to moderate its "hawkish" policies on Judea and Samaria. The Council will meet in Jerusalem tomorrow evening and the debate will probably be carried on to Tuesday.

However, Prime Minister-designate Begin is assured of a majority even without the DMC, following successful talks with the ultra-orthodox Agudat Yisrael.

Agudat Yisrael leaders discussed with Begin and Simcha Ehrlich, his Finance Minister-designate, the conditions laid down by the Council of Torah Sages for supporting the government when it seeks a vote of confidence.

In addition to religious concessions, the Likud leaders agreed that Agudat Yisrael Knesset Members be represented on all Ministerial committees, although they will not join the cabinet itself. MK-elect Rabbi Menachem Porush said this move was designed to "strengthen the ties with the coalition."

Rabbi Porush said he was sure his four-man faction will support the new government. These votes, together with the National Religious Party's 12 and Shimon Peres's two will give the Likud-led government a 61-member backing in the 120-member Knesset. Should Poalei Agudat Yisrael also support the government, and should Begin's candidate for Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan, retain his Knesset seat, the government will have 63 votes.

(Poalei Aguda had indicated readiness to support the cabinet but its lone MK-elect, Rabbi Kalman Kahana is bed-ridden after suffering a heart attack.)

The Likud would like to broaden its base, but following a three-hour meeting with the DMC on Friday, officials in each camp said no progress had been made and a Likud participant said "serious differences remained."

Israel television reported last night that a telephone poll it had conducted among most DMC Knesset faction and secretariat members, (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

Shamir next Speaker

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Yitzhak Shamir will apparently be the next Knesset Speaker.

The Likud executive, meeting on Friday, agreed by consensus that the Likud Knesset faction would put Shamir's name forward tomorrow afternoon when the newly-elected Knesset holds its first session. It is not yet known if the Alignment or any other faction will propose a rival candidate.

Shamir belongs to the Herut wing of the Likud, which is the largest wing, and as such is privileged to demand first rights for important posts. He is third in the Herut hierarchy, after Menachem Begin and Ezer Weizman.

Shamir at one point was reportedly not keen on the Speaker's post because he believed he might have a chance of getting a minister's portfolio. When he realized this was not so, he agreed to stand for Speaker.

The second largest wing in the Likud, the Liberals, did not fight very hard for a candidate of its own. The third wing, La'am, campaigned at one time for its Eliezer Shostak to be proposed for Speaker. But when hints were circulated that Shostak might get a Cabinet portfolio, they decided not to campaign for Shostak as Speaker, according to one Likud source.

Shamir, 62, came here from Poland in 1935. He entered the Eighth Knesset, serving on the Interior, the State Control and finally the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Shamir was a member of the Lohamey Herut Yisrael (Lehi) underground and after 1948 he worked in the security services for a number of years. On retiring he went into industry.

Sadat, Brezhnev to meet

CAIRO (AP). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev will meet soon, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy said yesterday on his return from talks in Moscow with Soviet leaders.

Fahmy told Egypt's official Middle East News Agency that his talks, and his previous meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Bulgaria six months ago, had been intended to prepare a summit meeting between Sadat and Brezhnev — "which I can now say I am convinced will take place soon."

He gave no date for the meeting. In an interview with Tass, Fahmy said before leaving Moscow that he was particularly satisfied with Brezhnev's "full, clear and explicitly expressed readiness for improvement of Soviet-Egyptian relations."

Fahmy said he was optimistic about ironing out difficulties in Soviet-Egyptian relations. According to Egyptian sources, his talks with Gromyko and Brezhnev have put the two countries well on the way to settling their differences.

Sadat and Brezhnev were to have met in January 1976 in order, in Sadat's words, "to settle a few things that await a visit." But the meeting never took place as relations between the two countries ostensibly deteriorated over what the Egyptians said was a Soviet refusal to provide them with weapons. (There have however been reports that weapon-supply is continuing.)

In their joint communique issued yesterday to sum up the visit, Moscow and Cairo affirmed their known view that peace can be ensured in the Middle East only through complete Israeli withdrawal from the territories taken in 1967.

The joint announcement stopped short of saying there had been a reconciliation. It stated that particular attention was paid to possible ways of strengthening the appropriate political foundation of relations.

Observers interpreted this as (Continued on page 2 col. 4)

Southern Lebanese fear Syrian-PLO onslaught

Jerusalem Post Staff

METULLA. — Exchanges of fire between Lebanese and terrorist forces in southern Lebanon sharpened over the weekend, the artillery barrages resounding throughout Upper Galilee on Friday and yesterday.

Explosions were heard and pillars of dust and smoke could be seen clearly from this side of the border. There were also exchanges of light arms fire in the vicinity of El-Khaim and Nabatiya. Sporadic fire continued yesterday evening.

A spokesman of the Lebanese forces said that a joint attack by Syrians and terrorists on Christian enclaves is feared. These fears are based on open declarations by both the terrorists and the Syrians.

(A Syrian-sponsored tentative agreement reached Friday between the terrorists and the Lebanese Government calls for transferring PLO forces to the south and eventually turning south Lebanon into "a massive Palestinian camp." Report on page 4.)

A Lebanese officer said that the terrorists had been reinforced with men and equipment. He also said the terrorists had built roadblocks in the vicinity of the villages of Merakeh and Chula, not far from Kibbutz Menara.

A man from the village of R'melish, in the central border sector near Dover, said the terrorists, who came from the north of Lebanon, had thrown up roadblocks mainly near the village of Yarin in order to obstruct traffic between the Christian enclave of R'melish and the small enclave of the village of Almas-Shaab opposite Kibbutz Hanita.

During the past week the inhabitants of the enclaves have made numerous requests to market their agricultural produce in Israel. Till now, this has met with opposition from the Ministries of Agriculture and Health.

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Golan	35	13-28	27
Nabaria	65	19-27	27
Safed	36	15-28	27
Haifa Port	30	20-34	30
Tiberias	30	17-27	28
Naftali	33	19-30	32
Shomron	30	16-26	30
Tel Aviv	62	15-25	27
Eilat	25	17-35	38
Gaza	84	17-26	35
Be'er Sheva	22	14-31	35
Eilat	12	20-36	38
Tiran Straits	29	24-33	34

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Israel Bond national bankers' delegation met on Friday with the Minister of Defence, Shimon Peres, at his office in Tel Aviv. Earlier in the day they were received at the municipality by the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Shlomo Lahat. Members of the delegation are: John R. Butler, Keneseth Bank, Flint, Michigan; and Mrs. Butler; William V. Daniel, Southern Bank & Trust, Richmond, Virginia; and William V. Daniel, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jacob, Dayton, Ohio; William Colleen Kehoe, Jr., First Tennessee National Corporation, and Mrs. Kehoe, Memphis, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Oranges, Stockton, California; Mr. and Mrs. David Pollack, Detroit, Michigan; Dean E. Richardson, Manufacturers National Bank, Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Richardson; Harold Seigel, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Singer, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sklar, Shreveport, Louisiana; Robert T. Stanton, First National Bank and Trust Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Stanton; Stanford Stoddard, Michigan National Bank, Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Stoddard; J. Hugh Watson, First National Bank of Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana; and Mrs. Bernard Weisberg, Warren, Michigan; and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques L. Wiener, Sr., Shreveport, Louisiana.

The fourth international convention on personality assessment will be held at Haifa University from tomorrow until Friday, in cooperation with the University of Minnesota.

Birth

CHESHIN — To Elaine (nee Idan) and Alex on Thursday, June 9, at the Hadassah Maternity Hospital — a son, grandchild to Shirley and Jack Idan of Huntington Woods, Michigan and Esther and Abraham Cheshin of Jerusalem. Great-grandson to Blanche and Jack Rose of Southfield, Michigan.

DEPARTURES

The Reverend Claude Duvrenoy, director of Christian Action for Israel to Switzerland, France and Germany.

YEHUDITH RAM

is no more. The funeral took place on Friday, June 10, 1977.

The bereaved family
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Peres praises fitness of IDF

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Military Correspondent

Defence Minister Shimon Peres told a closed-door Cabinet session on Friday that the incumbent government was handing over a military establishment which may not be able to prevent another war, but which was capable of ensuring the country's security.

Speaking at a special session designed to sum up defence activity over the past three-and-a-half years, Peres said that the period had seen the most intensive growth of the IDF in the country's history.

"One of my main aims," he said, "was to improve both the national morale and morale of the defence forces, and this was achieved."

He revealed that ILA 7b, had been spent on research and development by the defence establishment since the Yom Kippur War — "an investment which has afforded the country

a certain measure of independence."

"One of the problems was," he continued, "that Israel had more talent than money."

The Minister discussed Israel's relations with the U.S. at length and said that while he knew there was some criticism that the U.S. "had not kept 100 per cent to its commitments to Israel, one should remember that without American help Israel could never have achieved what was achieved."

The Cabinet meeting, which lasted five hours, was opened by Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur, who was followed by Intelligence Chief Shimon Gazit, and O/C Operations Yekutiel Adam. The O/C Air Force and commander of the Navy also briefed the ministers.

Peres dealt primarily with the political implications of Israel's defence posture, as well as with developments in the Arab world. He

said that the interim agreements Israel had entered into with both the Egyptians and the Syrians had afforded the country quiet along the borders, but he noted that the potential of the agreements had not been realized in full.

He also expressed disappointment that some of the basic ideas envisioned in the agreements — such as the start of a normalization process between Israel and those countries — had not come about.

He said that in the Arab world there have been notable advances in terms of both technology and quality of their military manpower. He pointed specifically to the developments in Jordan, Libya, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. He termed Libya a giant arms cache for the Egyptians, and noted that Saudi Arabia had evolved from a financial power to a political power.

"Soon to assume the role of a military power."

In addition to the army having to rebuild its strength after the Yom Kippur War and implementing the lessons of the war, he said that the IDF had been called upon three times to change its deployment — twice in the Sinai and once in the Golan. He noted as well that a giant process of re-deployment within Israel has just been completed — a process which entirely altered the army's infrastructure and shortened its reaction time in case of emergency.

Ben-Simhon deplores leak on Morocco visit

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Shaul Ben-Simhon revealed on Friday that his family and friends had believed him to be in a guest house in Ma'alot two weeks ago when he was in Morocco conducting conversations with officials there.

"I very much regret that someone chose to leak the news of my trip while I was still abroad," he said. "You can imagine the concern it caused my family. Asked whether it had also affected his talks there, he said they could have been better had it not been for the report. He noted that discretion had been a key element in his trip."

Ben-Simhon, president of the Association of Jews of North Africa origin and a member of the outgoing Histadrut Central Committee, declined to discuss the nature of his talks with Moroccan officials until he

had a chance to report on them to his "associates."

He said he had travelled in his private capacity at the invitation of the Jewish community in Morocco and an organization of Moroccan Jews in Paris. Moroccan officials, however, had known about his visit and he met with government ministers.

Ben-Simhon's visit came three months after the visit to Morocco of former Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Andre Chouraqui who was a personal guest of King Hassan.

Ben-Simhon's visit to his native Morocco was his first in 30 years. He visited his birthplace of Fez where he addressed the members of the local Jewish community. "You can imagine the emotion in seeing again the places where I played and studied and prayed and to visit the graves of my ancestors," he said.

Stagnation looms as Technion lacks funds

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — "The next academic year will be critical for the Technion's future. If no additional funds are made available, we may be unable to continue our task of training the engineers the country needs," Technion president Amos Horev told The Jerusalem Post on Friday.

He said the financial squeeze had continued for three years "and we have reached the limit of our capacity to absorb cuts." Expenditures had been cut to the bone, claimed Horev. Operating expenses could not be

further reduced, he said.

"We have now exhausted the possibility of reducing operating expenses and we are already starting to cut down on acquisitions that will adversely affect our future. We have stopped taking on new academic staff and have thus stopped the dynamics of academic development. We have reached near stagnation which is a dangerous situation," Horev said.

One possibility already considered was the shutting down of whole units and faculties. "But this will be self-defeating if as a result the universities grants committee cuts down on allocations commensurately," he noted.

The one hope, said Horev, was that the grants committee would review the criteria for its allocations, with a view to the real cost of teaching students at the country's universities. "It costs us IL250,000 to turn out one graduate at our medical school and half that amount for one engineering student. This is much higher than the costs for a humanities student." If the grants committees adjusted the criteria accordingly, we should be able to manage," he said.

Horev stressed that another difficulty was the rising cost of wages. Already this year, wages accounted for 68 per cent of the operating budget of IL300m. With the new rises granted this will go up to 74 per cent next year.

"Everybody realizes that such a situation cannot continue, neither at the Technion nor at any other institution. But it is impossible to make selective wage cuts. I think that we all know that we are living on borrowed money and if a country-wide effort were made it might succeed," he said.

On the bright side, Horev said the Technion was carrying out its obligations to donors of funds for specific buildings. Within three years all facilities would be located on the Carmel campus, including the three still at the old Hadar building.

Sharon appeal on IL10m. bond

MK-elect Samuel Sharon appealed on Friday in the Jerusalem District Court against the decision of a magistrate to turn down his request to cancel the IL10m. bond he posted after his extradition was first requested by France.

The magistrate had ruled that since Sharon was freed on bail he is not a prisoner and therefore will not be restricted from performing his duties as a Knesset Member.

Coalition

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revealed a majority against joining the cabinet. A member of the DMC secretariat, Ram Ron, told The Post the many conversations he had held with top party members led him to believe 70 per cent of the council will opt for joining the opposition benches.

The Likud leaders rejected several DMC compromise proposals presented at Friday's meeting. DMC leader Prof. Yigael Yadin told a joint meeting of his movement's secretariat and Knesset faction.

Yadin said he had suggested that, instead of the clause expressing readiness for a "territorial compromise" with the Arabs (as the DMC had proposed), the government's guidelines should say that "in the negotiations in Geneva and any other negotiations Israel will declare its readiness for a compromise."

Begin rejected this proposal, Yadin reported.

A source close to Begin confirmed this, explaining that no side declares readiness for a compromise when it goes to negotiations. Do the Arabs say they are ready for a compromise? he asked.

There were also differences on the question of settlements in Judea and Samaria. Faced with the Likud's refusal to give the DMC a right to veto such settlements, the DMC's Shmuel Tamir suggested that decisions be taken in the cabinet by a simple majority and that each decision on this issue also require the approval of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. Begin rejected this.

Zorin suggested that settlement plans for the coming year be drawn up before the cabinet is formed "and then we'll see." The Likud's Yitzhak Shamir tended to agree, but Yadin told his DMC colleagues that Begin turned down their offer too.

Dulzin suggested that Yadin head the ministerial committee on settlement, but Yadin did not react.

The participants in Friday's meeting also discussed distribution of portfolios. Begin insisted Dayan should be foreign minister. He offered Yadin the deputy premiership and said there will probably be another deputy prime minister.

The Likud offered the DMC the Social Betterment portfolio which will include Welfare and Labour, but not Health.

Sources in both parties reported that Begin said at the meeting he had forgotten what other portfolios were to be offered to the DMC. A senior Likud source said "There was talk of Justice and Transport and Communications. There is 'also room' to discuss the Ministry of Agriculture, the source said."

DMC leaders also expressed concern over Begin's declared intention to appoint Ahuf (res.) Ariel Sharon "Minister for Intelligence." Begin had said Sharon would be under his jurisdiction but, in reply to a question by Yadin, he said Sharon would bear parliamentary responsibility.

Amin accused of cannibalism

LONDON (UPI) — Ugandan President Idi Amin has admitted "quite proudly" that he has committed cannibalism, former Ugandan Health Minister Henry Kyemba said in today's "Sunday Times."

Kyemba, who also served as vice president of the World Health Organization, said "I am ashamed to admit that on several occasions while I was minister of health, he told me, quite proudly, that he had eaten either the organs or the flesh of his human victims."

Kyemba emerged in Britain earlier this month after refusing to return to Uganda from an international medical conference in Geneva.

Kyemba said he has no doubt Amin was "serious when he told me that he had eaten human meat on a number of occasions."

"He remarked emphatically that it was salty," Kyemba said.

He said when army Brig. Charles Arube was murdered in 1974, Amin insisted on seeing the body alone. "He was in there for some time and only God knows what terrible ritual he was carrying out," Kyemba said.

Sen. Stone back

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Senator Richard Stone (D-Ma.), who has just returned to Washington from a visit to Israel, Egypt, Syria, Jordan and other Middle Eastern countries, reported to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday on his impressions. On Friday, he reported to national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski. Stone, chairman of the Senate foreign relations subcommittee on Near Eastern Affairs, will also be preparing a subcommittee report on the visit to the Middle East. That report, which will take a few weeks to write, will be made public.

Egypt-Soviet

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referring to the prospect of some new formal agreement on principles of Soviet-Egyptian relations, apparently to replace the friendship pact abrogated by Egypt last year.

Apart from abrogation of the treaty, the two countries are still at odds over an outstanding \$4b. Egyptian military debt that Cairo wants rescheduled because of its sagging economy.

Gromyko is now expected to continue the talks in Cairo as part of an agreed scheme to patch up differences. Under a Soviet-Egyptian agreement announced last week, officials of the two countries are to alternate meetings in Moscow and Cairo. But plans for his trip have not yet been confirmed in Moscow.

(AP, Reuters)

West Bank guests to Hussein fete

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The mayors of Jenin and Tulkarm are the first West Bank Arab notables known to have been invited to the festivities marking the 28th anniversary of Jordanian King Hussein's coronation, to be held at the beginning of August in Amman.

It is believed that the Jordanian government will try to have as many guests as possible from the West Bank, including those known to be sympathetic to the PLO.

A delegation from the Samaritan community in Nablus will attend, this being their first visit to Amman since 1967.

Mrs. Begin in Geneva

GENEVA (Reuters) — Mrs. Aliza Begin, wife of Premier-designate Menachem Begin, arrived here on Friday to attend the wedding of a son of Jewish leader Nessim Gaoan.

Mrs. Begin was also invited to the wedding today of 22-year-old David



Children of the Tel Nerdan school in north Tel Aviv demonstrate last week against the municipality decision to transfer pupils from the school to the integrated Gymnasia Herzliya jun. high.

Air controllers may still face prosecution

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Post Aviation Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT — The air traffic controllers will not return to their jobs before the middle of this week, and possibly not even then, an informed source here told The Post yesterday.

The latest "obstacle" is the Attorney-General, who will now have to decide whether he will prosecute the traffic controllers — on charges of having violated call-up and return-two-work orders — or whether he will join the bias-and-forgiveness spirit prevailing in the terminal here these days.

Until the Attorney-General decides, the suspension orders removing the men from office will remain in force. Only after a formal clearing of the controllers, or part of them, of all charges can the Transport Ministry cancel its earlier instructions. The chances of his deciding to prosecute are reported to be very real. The controllers are expected to show solidarity and are unlikely to remain passive should any of them be prosecuted.

"We're deliberately keeping a low

Intellectuals form Alignment faction

Post Labour Reporter

BEIT BERL — Some 300 university graduates convened here yesterday in the founding session of a "left-intellectuals" faction of the Alignment.

The presiding committee, chaired by Professor Yirmiyahu Yosef, the faction's declared purpose is to rejuvenate the Party with a badly needed injection of young intellectuals and, above all, to call their colleagues to aid them to the tide of the Alignment's reversal, hopefully in time for the Histadrut elections 10 days away.

Israeli planes sign off air show

PARIS (Him) — Israel's Kfir and Arava aircraft signed off the fly-past at the international air show here yesterday, an honour usually reserved for French planes.

A thousand invited guests watched the fly-past. These included Egypt's Deputy Premier, Hani Mubarak, who sat on the VIP stand opposite Israel's flag. The Arava showed off short take-off ability and the parachuted a group of Free skydivers.

Weekend road toll: 2 dead, 35 hurt

A six-year-old girl and a young man were killed and more than 35 persons were injured in road accidents over the weekend.

Rivka Popokowitz, 6, of Petah Tikva was killed on Friday night in Bat Yam when she was hit by a car while crossing a road. Police are investigating.

Gabi Herman, 20, from Neve Sha'anani in Haifa, was killed early yesterday morning when the car he rode in swerved off the road and

crashed into a tree. The driver of the car was hospitalized.

Some 34 members of the Egged bus cooperative were lightly injured yesterday afternoon when a bus carrying them in an excursion in the Jordan Valley overturned.

A child who was seriously injured in an accident in Jerusalem last week died yesterday in Hadassah Hospital. Itai Weiner, 5, was hit by a car when he dashed into Rehov Paran after a football.

(Him)

Iriyat Tel Aviv-Yafo

Culture, Youth and Sports Department
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Evening in Memory of Violinist BRONISLAW HUBERMAN

founder of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, will be held on Thursday, June 16, 1977, at 8.30 p.m., in the Ruth Gordon-Friedman Concert Hall at the Central Music and Dance Library, 26 Rehov Bialik, under the patronage of the Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo, Mr. Shlomo Lahat.

A Bronislaw Huberman memorial exhibition, in the vestibule of the Library, will be opened at the same time.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 11

DAVID ZINMAN, conductor
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TEL AVIV
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Tonight, 12.6.77 — Series 4
Series 5: Monday, 13.6.77
Programme:
Jocely, Ravel, Schumann

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DAVID ZINMAN, conductor
SHOSHANA RUDIAKOV, piano
HAIFA
Haifa Auditorium, 8.30 p.m.
Series 1: Tuesday, 14.6.77
Series 2: Wednesday, 15.6.77
Series 3: Thursday, 16.6.77
Programme:
Sibelius, Weber, Prokofiev

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 11

DAVID ZINMAN, conductor
PNINA SALLZMAN, piano
TEL AVIV
Mann Auditorium, 8.30 p.m.
Series 6: Saturday, 18.6.77
Series 7: Sunday, 19.6.77
Series 8: Monday, 20.6.77
Programme:
Sibelius, Chopin, Prokofiev

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 12

ZUBIN MEHTA, conductor
HENRYK SZERYNG, violin
TEL AVIV
Mann Auditorium, 8.30 p.m.
Series 1: Tuesday, 27.6.77
Series 2: Saturday, 2.7.77
Series 3: Sunday, 3.7.77
Series 4: Monday, 4.7.77
Series 5: Tuesday, 5.7.77
Programme:
Mozart: Violin Concerto, K. 271b
Mahler: Symphony No. 5.

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New aliya director for U.S. to concentrate on shlihim

Aluf-Mishne (res.) Yeshayahu Tadmor is leaving for New York this week to take up a Herculean mission. As the newly appointed director of the Israel Aliya Centre, he will try to push immigration figures out of their slump and make aliya attractive in Jewish communities.

The former O/C Gaden, who has spent most of his adult life in military service, realizes that he won't be able to attain his goals by giving orders. In the vast sea of American Jewry and in the 29 aliya missions across the continent, Tadmor will have to use persuasion and calculated pressure as his weapons. "I want to create better contacts with Jewish leaders on the local level," says Tadmor. "I will try to convince some of them — including rabbis respected in the community — to come on aliya. At least, I would like the word 'aliya' to become a legitimate concept to be talked about and considered freely."

Many who have visited Israel, whether tourists, volunteers or students, have been lost to the country, he maintains. As Aliya Centre director, he plans to initiate "systematic, scientific" lists that would allow him to keep track of such visitors. He would then contact local shlihim (emissaries) and ask them to present the visitors with the possibility of aliya.

Tadmor has "great doubts" about the success of a plan being pushed by Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Yosef Almogi, in which local Jewish organizations are being encouraged to set up Israeli aliya and volunteer desks. "But we must give it a chance. Israelis cannot do the job themselves," he asserts. "I will not be a salesman carrying a briefcase full of brochures and sell Israel. It belongs to all of us."

The shlihim is the focus of Tadmor's plans to improve aliya encouragement in the U.S. and Canada. Fifteen new ones, including two former Americans who are returning to their home towns as emissaries, are taking up their jobs within the next few weeks.

Each shlihim, with the help of his wife, must turn his temporary home in America into "a little model of Israeli life. I told them that I want them to have a kosher home, so that prospective olim will feel comfortable eating with them and not feel as if the Israeli representative is a goy," states Tadmor, who spent a few years in the B'nai Akiva movement and still keeps a kosher kitchen for the benefit of his traditional parents.

"Shlihim must not be more American than the Americans themselves," he continues. "I want to see in their homes pictures of Jerusalem on the wall, Israeli handicrafts and books." Tadmor has either called on the 15 new

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter



Yeshayahu Tadmor

emissaries at their homes or invited them to his. "You can tell a lot about what a man really is like by meeting his wife and children."

The new director is aware that some emissaries in the past have been caught "moonlighting" at other jobs, studying at American universities and shopping around for gadgets they never could afford in Israel. Others were selected for their political affiliation and couldn't speak minimal English.

But the new system of tenders, which eliminated 885 out of 1,000 persons who applied for the emissary jobs, has improved the stock of shlihim, he says. Tadmor will not countenance any outside work by a shlihim if it interferes with his assignment or does not contribute to building his respectability and prominence in the community.

Tadmor, his boyish looks belying his 43 years (he has a daughter in the army and a 13-year-old son), was also criticized by various immigrant associations upon his appointment. Officials of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel complained that Almogi named Tadmor (after recommendation by aliya and absorption department director-general Uzi Narkiss) without consulting them. They said they preferred to have a former American as chief shlihim.

The new director concedes that immigrants who are well-rooted in Israeli society and dedicated to aliya are the ideal candidates for shlihim. "But I don't think that the Aliya Centre director must be an American oleh. I have to represent Israel and its institutions and must be familiar with its life and politics, as well as provide leadership to the shlihim. It could be wishful thinking, but I hope that now, after the AACI has met me, their position has changed."

After two years as director of Israel TV and three as O/C Gaden, Aluf-Mishne Tadmor was very eager to win his new appointment "to continue my work for the nation and the Jewish People." The job has been vacant for several months, following the hurried resignation of Yehiel Leket in mid-term to join the Eighth Knesset.

Tadmor embarks on his new minimum two-year assignment with the knowledge that the change in government will probably bring a near-revolution in the Jewish Agency and in the whole system of aliya and absorption. "I have nothing to fear from the changeover; I am not a politician," he asserts. Tadmor has not yet formed his position on whether a proposed "supreme aliya and absorption authority" should be ruled over by the government or the Jewish Agency.



Chief-of-Staff Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur chats with Dita Ben-Zeev, one of the two girl soldiers who completed a communications officers' course last week. O.C. Communications Corps, Tat-Aluf Israel Zamir, is in the centre. (Shaul Golan)

Technion says Haifa U. tries 'brain-poaching'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Technion administration announced last night that it would "carry out its undertakings" in the teaching of economics, following an alleged "brain-poaching attempt" by Haifa University.

Last week, five of the six lecturers on the teaching staff of the Technion's Industrial and Management Engineering Economics Division, handed in their resignations to take up teaching posts at Haifa University in the autumn. The five all held the rank of senior lecturer, and it was learned that the University had offered them professional rank and improved conditions to make the change.

The move aroused much anger at the Technion, as it had apparently been planned "behind the Technion's back" and despite the co-operation and co-ordination agreement that exists between the two institutes of higher learning.

The fact that a group of five senior lecturers resigned in a body made it obvious that the move had been co-ordinated, though the Technion had been kept completely in the dark. Coming in June, the move also prevented the administration from making alternate arrangements for the next school year.

The Jerusalem Post learned that the Council for Higher Education is to take up the matter, which is considered serious, as both institutes, like all the country's universities, receive the major part of their budget from public funds.

It was learned that the Council will block the move and force the University to agree that the five lecturers transfer at intervals, over a considerable period of time, to make it possible for the Technion to continue classes and to hire replacements.

Haifa University Rector Professor Shlomo Ben-Zion said the initiative had come from the lecturers for reasons of their own.

Soviets found microfilm in American's shoe

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet police detained an American couple at Moscow Sheremetyevo airport two weeks ago after finding subversive literature in their luggage and microfilm in their shoes, the government daily "Izvestia" said on Friday.

"Izvestia" said Harold and Eileen Greenberg were detained on May 29 after they had visited Moscow and other Soviet cities to gather information from people who had been refused permission to emigrate to Israel.

The U.S. embassy here confirmed that the Greenbergs were held but said they had since returned to the U.S.

"Izvestia" said the incident was an example of how the West flouted the Helsinki declaration, the results of which are to be reviewed at a meeting in Belgrade this week.

It said the heel of Harold Greenberg's shoes had contained a microfilm list of names and addresses of people "in whom the U.S. special services were interested." A false-bottomed suitcase had contained an article on nuclear physics, complete with photographs and diagrams, it added.

Refusenik allowed to leave USSR

MOSCOW (UPI). — Ilya Levin, a Jewish refusenik and Leningrad representative of Amnesty International, and three other persons have been told by Soviet authorities they will be allowed to leave the country, Levin said yesterday.

He said the others were David Dar, a Jewish writer who just recently resigned from the Writers Union and Natalia Kazarnova, an unofficial art exhibitor and her scientist husband. Levin, 28, has been denied an exit permit several times on grounds that he possessed state secrets from the time he served as a regular soldier in the Soviet Army. Last fall he was arrested by Leningrad police on charges of hooliganism and kept in prison for 14 days. This spring, shortly after being appointed Leningrad representative for Amnesty International, Levin suffered mysterious chemical burns on his leg which kept him in hospital for almost a month.

Girl loses leg in speedboat accident

TIBERIAS. — A speedboat hit a young swimmer off the eastern shore of Lake Kinneret yesterday, amputating one of her legs and injuring the other. Smadar Tzur, of Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael, was swimming opposite Susita shortly after noon when the boat hit her. The girl was rushed to Poriya hospital; the boat's operator was detained for questioning.

Matriculation exams start today for 100,000 pupils

Matriculation (bagrut) and final examinations for some 100,000 pupils are starting throughout the country today. In the context of the Education Ministry spokesman's "open telephone" operation, pupils with questions will be able to clear them up by phone this afternoon, by calling 02-28620 or 02-284226 and speaking with the chairman of the Education Ministry's Post-Primary Education Committee, David Pur, or the supervisor of implementation of the matriculation examination reform, Avraham Amir.

Matriculation examinations will be taken by about 71,000 tenth to twelfth year students in 450 academic and technological high schools, by about 12,000 external examinees, 6,500 students in 63 elementary and kindergarten teachers' seminaries, 1,000 student draftsmen and technicians, and some 5,000 returning high school pupils who

want to improve their marks or pass examinations they have failed.

About 150 Israelis living abroad in 38 countries, many of them children of Israelis on diplomatic missions, will also be examined. The examinations have been sent by diplomatic post and will be given under the supervision of staff members of the Israeli legations in those countries.

Under the new matriculations reform, this is the first time pupils will be able to take the examinations at different levels, suited to their capabilities. A number of new subjects, such as theatre, film art, business administration and others have been included for the first time. Each examination will be graded twice, by two different test-readers. There are three centres in Jerusalem which will employ over 1,000 test-readers to correct and grade the examination papers from all over the country.

Man held for raping minor

A 23-year-old man was arrested on Friday on suspicion of raping a 16-year-old girl after forcing her to travel round Jerusalem with him.

The girl complained to police that the man made her come with him to the Jerusalem forest and held her there for some time against her will. He then took her to several other

places, finally ending up in a grove near the Sanhedria quarter where he forced her to have intercourse.

Two Hebron residents were arrested at the end of the week on suspicion of committing indecent acts on a girl walking in Rehov Agron in Jerusalem. (Itim)

2 Arab students charged with threatening Druse

HAIFA (Itim). — Two Arab students at the university here were indicted at the Haifa District Court on Friday on charges of making violent threats against a Druse student who took part in a rally supporting Syrian Jews last Tuesday, Syrian Jewry Day.

Samih Abdullah and Hasan Salah, both 21, denied the charges. The prosecution claims that on Tuesday evening, following the rally in which Druse student Kasam Majid took part, Salah told Majid: "You are traitors. You took part in a rally supporting Syrian Jews and Zionism and we will take you apart for that."

According to the prosecution, while Salah was threatening Majid, Abdullah stood by in a "threatening manner." The trial will proceed at the end of this month.

Another two students, Mahul Asam and Basma Azami, who were remanded last week on suspicion that they threw a thunderflash in Haifa University grounds on June 5, during an unauthorized demonstration of Arab students, were released on Friday on IL5,000 bail each.

Aged kiosk owner beats robbers

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A septuagenarian Tel Aviv kiosk-owner put three presumptive robbers to flight at 10 o'clock Thursday evening, knocking the pistol out of the hand of one of them. Seventy-three-

year-old Moshe Sapir, whose kiosk is in Rehov Nahalat Benjamin, was already thrashing a second man when all three took to their heels. Police are looking for men answering to Sapir's descriptions.

Shcharansky demonstration in NY

NEW YORK (JTA). — More than 1,000 people jammed Fifth Avenue Sunday to demand the immediate release of Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky, formally charged by the Soviets earlier this month with treason.

Shcharansky, held incommunicado in Moscow since March 15, faces a possible death penalty if convicted.

The demonstrators, organized by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, the American Jewish Congress, and the Greater New York

Conference on Soviet Jewry, marched to the steps of the New York Public Library to hear the Soviet accusations against Shcharansky denounced.

In Moscow, meanwhile, Iosif Begun, the 45-year-old Jewish activist and mathematician who was sentenced to two years of Siberian exile on "vagrancy" charges, continues his nearly three-month long hunger strike as he awaits word on his appeal. The Greater New York Conference reported on Friday.

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Accord to concentrate PLO forces in South Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP). — Tentative agreement has been reached on a Syrian-sponsored formula to restrict the PLO armed presence in refugee camps in Lebanon, government sources reported on Friday.

Christian leader Karim Bakradouni, a chief architect of the Lebanese Christian alliance with Syria that defeated the PLO and their Moslem supporters in Lebanon's civil war, said yesterday that the new accord between the PLO and the Lebanese government meets the latter's demand for the

removal of PLO forces from Beirut to southern Lebanon. It also meets PLO chief Yasser Arafat's demand that the terrorists be left to run the affairs of refugees inside the southern camps, the Phalange Politbureau member added.

"In fact," he went on, "the accord will eventually transform most of southern Lebanon into a massive Palestinian camp. The new equation may settle the Lebanese-Palestinian conflict if guerrillas refrain from giving Israel a pretext to strike," he

said. Bakradouni said the accord provides for a moratorium on cross-border terrorist raids into Israel. But he expressed fear that the so-called "rejection front" might attempt to sabotage the agreement.

The rejectionists have been locked in intermittent clashes with pro-Syrian terrorists in Lebanon's two major southern cities of Sidon and Tyre since Monday.

The Syrian supporters are apparently seeking to close down the last sea route for arms supplies to the rejectionists, who are backed by Iraq and Libya. Arafat's groups have sided with the Syrian-sponsored Sa'eka terrorist group fighting to enter Tyre.

Bakradouni said the new agreement, if successfully applied, would end the insecure conditions that have prevailed in Lebanon since the Syrian forces halted the 19-month civil war last November. But he ruled out an early withdrawal of Syrian forces, saying that the Syrian government of President Hafez Assad would not allow the emergence of any security vacuum in Lebanon.

According to Lebanese government sources, the broad lines of the compromise are:

- Stationing of peacekeeping forces around all refugee camps with the right to enter the camps when security conditions warrant. But the Syrian-dominated force would not set up permanent positions inside the camps.

The peacekeepers are then to oversee the removal of heavy arms from all 13 camps that house some 150,000 refugees in Beirut, in the northern part of Tripoli, and in the southern coastal town of Sidon.

Light arms of defensive nature are to be left in the camps, which form the main power base of the PLO in the Middle East.

The Lebanese government of President Elias Sarkis meanwhile dropped its insistence that only seven terrorists per thousand refugees be allowed to carry light arms in the camps.

The sources said the compromise was the result of mediation by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khadum. He held daylong conferences with Sarkis on Wednesday and earlier held a series of meetings with terrorist leaders in Damascus.

"The main feature of the agreement is that it makes certain the camps would not remain a state within a state outside the power of the Lebanese government," said one source.

The sources said the agreement made no mention of Tyre, where the rejectionists still control the town and three refugee camps.

Soviets question U.S. newsman
MOSCOW (AP). — "Los Angeles Times" correspondent Robert Toth was detained yesterday on an allegation that he had received state secrets from a Russian scientist.

Toth said he was questioned for three hours by police and an agent of the KGB security police. He then was allowed to go home. Toth, 48, is due to leave for home next weekend after three years in Moscow. He said he had met with Valery Petyukhov, a parapsychology specialist, on a Moscow street.

He said Petyukhov, a laboratory chief at the Moscow Institute of Medical and Biological Preparations, also was seized. At their meeting yesterday morning, Toth said, Petyukhov "gave me an article he had told me before he was writing which proved that parapsychology was genuine. As I put it in my pocket, two men jumped out of a car and grabbed me. Three more followed."

At the police station, a man identified as a senior researcher for the Academy of Sciences leafed through the article and "then said it contained secret material and showed the sort of work being done in some closed Soviet institutions," Toth said.

Respite for U.S. taxpayers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
U.S. income tax returns, which were to have been filed by June 15, may now be filed as late as July 15 according to recent changes in U.S. income tax legislation, the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem informed The Jerusalem Post on Friday.

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Documents on nuclear cartel made public

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. House of Representatives investigators voted Friday to open to public scrutiny records allegedly indicating the existence of an international uranium cartel which conspired to drive up prices of the nuclear fuel.

On an 11-0 ballot, members of the House Commerce Committee rejected appeals by Gulf Oil Corporation and the Canadian government to keep secret the nine-inch stack of documents. It opened the way for the information to be made public at hearings next week.

Lawyers for the Westinghouse Electric Corp. contend the price-fixing arrangement boosted the cost of raw uranium from \$8 a pound in 1972 to \$41 a pound.

Westinghouse, a nuclear-power plant builder, says the price boosts, a seven-fold increase in less than three years, damaged its ability to compete.

The documents, previously held by Westinghouse, are already owned by the committee as a result of a Federal Court ruling. They will be used during public hearings scheduled for Thursday and Friday. Witnesses also will be called, investigators said.

Westinghouse says members of the cartel held meetings in Paris in early 1972, in Johannesburg, South Africa, the same year, and in Canada.

In Philadelphia, Gulf acknowledged Friday that a subsidiary, Gulf Minerals Canada Ltd., was ordered by the Canadian government to participate in meetings in Ottawa, Paris and Johannesburg on international marketing of uranium.

Gulf asserted the "marketing arrangement" was ineffective and ended it in 1975. The arrangement, known as the Uranium Marketing Research Organization, excluded all commerce between the U.S. and its members — Canada, South Africa, Australia and France — Gulf said.

Congressman John Moss said he suspected that "something occurred other than the normal workings of the marketplace" to cause the sharp price increase.

He said if the cartel existed "it would have a significant and adverse effect on the overall economy of the nation in terms of the cost of fuel."

Canada, which committee aides said owns a controlling interest in one of the dozen or more companies alleged to be part of the cartel, maintained the records were protected by that country's Official Secrets Act and asked through the State Department that they be withheld.

Moss said U.S. officials passed on the request without giving an opinion as to how it should be handled, and the committee decided that Canada's commercial role in the alleged cartel was more important than diplomatic considerations.

U.S.-Soviet nuclear test ban talks tomorrow

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. and the Soviet Union are beginning talks tomorrow to promote an agreement on a comprehensive nuclear test ban.

Preliminary discussions on halting underground tests will begin here tomorrow, administration officials said on Friday.

One key question open for negotiations is how to police the ban. The U.S. and Russia have disagreed for years on how to monitor the ban of underground nuclear weapons tests. The U.S. maintains that on-site inspections are necessary to make sure a ban is observed. Under suspicious circumstances, the U.S. says, only inspectors who could visit the sites of recorded seismic disturbances could determine whether a nuclear device has been exploded.

The Russians say remote instrument monitoring could distinguish between underground tests and earthquakes, even at great distances.

If an agreement is reached, it may signal that the U.S. and Russia see no need to expand their nuclear arsenals.

Officials say that if the first round of talks succeeds, Britain will be asked to participate in a second series.

The British, Americans and Russians have already signed a non-proliferation treaty prohibiting tests in space, beneath the ocean and in the atmosphere.

The other three countries with nuclear weapons — China, India and France — have not signed the treaty.



Bug-killing Polish jet biplane that aroused mirth at Paris's Le Bourget air show. Waving at the camera is the Warsaw Aviation Institute's chief test pilot, Andrej Ablamowicz. (AP radio photo)

What weighs 6 tons, has a Yak and flies?

PARIS (AP). — One of the jokes flying around the Paris air show this year is a Polish crop-duster biplane powered by a jet engine, but the Poles may have the last laugh.

The ungainly looking plane is 13 metres long, has a 23-metre wingspan, and is powered by a Soviet Yak-40 engine. It can carry about 2½ tons of chemicals and weighs more than six tons fully loaded.

"Is that the one that looks like it's

still in the packing crate?" one incredulous visitor said when asked if he had seen it. "It's grotesque."

An unofficial air show newspaper reported that "an Englishman looking in disbelief at Poland's unique M-15 jet-powered agricultural biplane, which has been flying every day, said 'they shouldn't need any chemicals — all they have to do is fly it overhead and frighten the bugs to

death'."

Officials at the Polish pavilion said in spite of wisecracks about the plane a great number of businessmen, including Americans, had stopped by to get more information on the M-15.

A brochure on the plane calls it a crop duster "a harmonious synthesis of great experience and innovative aircraft design."

Administration denies Kissinger charge of 'indifference' to Eurocommunism

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Carter Administration disputed on Friday any suggestion that it is indifferent to the prospect of Communists sharing power in West European governments.

But an administration spokesman, Hudding Carter of the State Department, acknowledged that U.S. attempts at a "balance" between noninterference and concern "might be regarded as some change in tone."

Raising the issue in a speech, former secretary of state Henry Kissinger, called on Thursday night for a "clear and unambiguous U.S. attitude" of opposition to Communist

electoral gains. He said a danger of gradual loss of freedom exists, particularly in Italy and France.

Questioned about Kissinger's remarks, Carter said he did not take them as criticism of the new administration. "We prefer that the governments in West Europe be democratic and that no totalitarian elements be influential or dominant," he said.

Kissinger's criticism of President Carter's European policy came during a speech at a Smithsonian Institute conference on Italy and Eurocommunism. He said "the effect on NATO alliance cohesion generally would be disastrous" if

Communist parties gain "significant participation" in the governments of France, Italy or other NATO member nations.

"In this process," Kissinger said, "it is vital that the U.S. encourage an attitude of resolve and conviction." He cautioned that "ostentatious consultation with Communist leaders" or "ambiguous declarations" of U.S. attitudes create "the impression that we consider Communist success a foregone conclusion."

As has been his custom since he left office, Kissinger avoided a direct attack on the Carter Administration, and at one point referred favourably to the president.

Moluccan terrorism was born after a generation of frustration

By HENRIETTE BOAS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM. — Holland's native-born Moluccan terrorists are the offspring of fathers hailing from the island of Ambon in the eastern Indonesian archipelago, who for generations had served in the Dutch East Indies army, helping the Dutch to "pacify" the other parts of the East Indies. The Moluccans were Christianized at an early stage, whereas most of the population of the Dutch East Indies remained Moslem. For these reasons the Ambonese, as they used to be called, were hated by the rest of the population of what is now Indonesia.

In 1951 the Netherlands, after long negotiations, recognized the independence of Indonesia. Indonesia was then meant to be a federation of semi-autonomous republics, including the Republic of East Indonesia. After a few months, however, the central government of Sukarno unilaterally annexed East Indonesia. For a long time part of the local population maintained guerrilla resistance, but this was eventually quelled by the central government.

The Dutch forces in Indonesia were dissolved in 1951. Most of them returned to their native Ambon. A group of 3,000, however, claimed they could be demobilized in Holland and the Dutch Supreme Court agreed. So the Netherlands government was forced to bring these 3,000 men, with their wives and children, some 12,000 persons in all, "temporarily" over to Holland. During the past 25 years, these original 12,000 have increased to 40,000.

The Ambonese were at first housed in camps, several of which had been used by the Germans as concentration camps for Jews and others, though the Dutch government now provided better accommodation. One of these large camps was the former transit camp of Jews, Westerbork in the province of Drenthe, which was now renamed Schottenburg. When eventually after many years, and often against their own wishes, the Ambonese were housed in normal and often very attractive houses, this was often still in the same area, where many had meanwhile found work or went to school.

Thus a very large concentration of South Moluccans is still found in the province of Drenthe, in the north-east of the country, where both the hijacking of a train near Wijster (Beilen) in December 1975 and the more recent seizure of a train and of a school have occurred. For many years, the ideal of returning to an independent Republic of the South Moluccans (RMS) has been kept alive, with a Dr. Manusama — who in private life was a teacher of mathematics at a secondary school — as president. For many years, his authority was largely unchallenged.

There was a small rival group, led by "General" Tamaela, a former sergeant-major, which was more militant, and tried to get recognition of the RMS through the UN. A third, more radical group, which has come to the fore only in recent years, is led by the Rev. Samuel Metiary, an indigenous clergyman and, like Manusama and Tamaela, now about 60.

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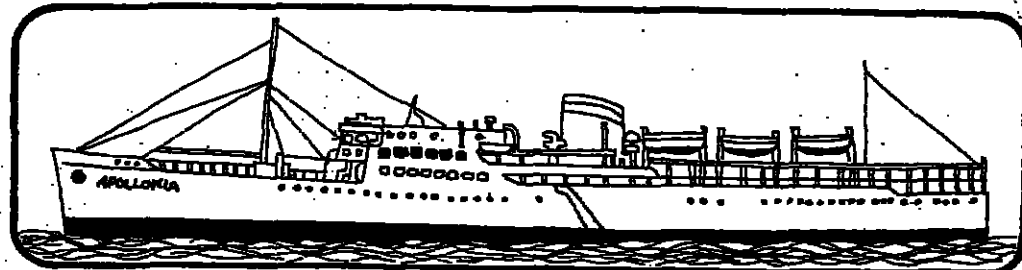
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Djibouti independence: A holding action while alliances shift

BACKGROUND / Gwynne Dyer

Sometimes you should not count your chickens even after they are hatched. On June 27, Africa's last European colony when the tiny French Territory of the Afars and Issas facing the Red Sea becomes the Republic of Djibouti. But the new country's independence can best be described as a holding action.

It was long expected that Djibouti's independence day would bring the final military showdown between its big neighbours, Ethiopia and Somalia, with control of the territory going to the winner. Now, however, the war may have been postponed for a few months while the two powers sort out their rapidly shifting outside alliances. In the meantime, with Somali approval, French troops are staying there to freeze the situation.

Somalia, an impoverished nomad state of three million people, is utterly determined to seize the Somali-inhabited lands around it: Djibouti, the eastern third of Ethiopia (the Ogaden), and the north-eastern part of Kenya. After an inconclusive war with Ethiopia in the early 1960's, it turned to the Soviet Union for aid in building up its army. It paid by giving the Russians naval facilities at Berbera.

By now Somalia's army is more than a match for that of Ethiopia, a multinational empire with almost ten times its population. Moreover, after the Ethiopian revolution of 1974 the province of Eritrea exploded into a war of independence which has now tied down at least half the Ethiopian army. Somalia's opportunity seemed to have arrived, and its excuse for war would be Djibouti.

Just over half that territory's quarter-million people are Somalis, and they would naturally choose a government seeking union with Somalia. For Ethiopia, however, Djibouti is a life-or-death matter.

With almost all Ethiopia's own Red Sea coastline cut off by the Eritrean rebels, the railway linking Addis Ababa and Djibouti port is the only lifeline for Ethiopia's foreign trade and exports. Ethiopia has warned repeatedly that it will fight to keep Djibouti out of Somalia's hands.

France used to cooperate with pro-Western Ethiopia over Djibouti. It regularly rigged the voting rolls in favour of Djibouti's Afar minority (with relatives across the Ethiopian border), who obediently voted to stay a French colony. But last year France announced its withdrawal for this summer, and the fuse was lit for war in the Horn of Africa.

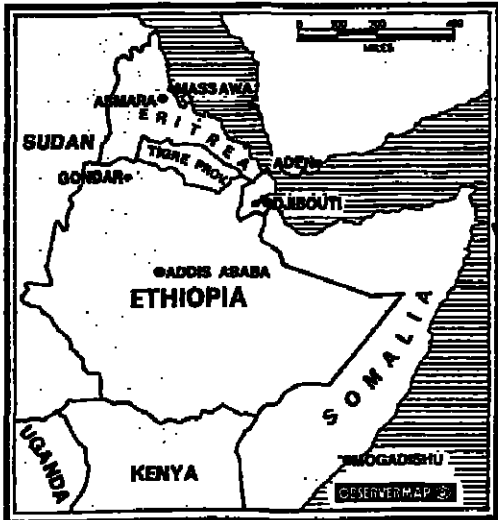
As the Ethiopian revolution drifted steadily leftward after 1974, however, the Russians began to show interest in the possibility of getting a much bigger ally in the Horn of Africa. The Somalis became understandably alarmed at the thought of being thwarted in their designs on Ethiopia.

The conservative Arab regimes of the area also became alarmed, though for different reasons. They were horrified at the thought of a Marxist Ethiopia and Russian bases on the Red Sea, and began to channel aid to the Eritrean secessionists to keep Ethiopia's coastline out of Russian hands. The outline of a possible new alliance began to appear, and in 1974 Somalia joined the Arab League.

Everything came together early this spring. In February the left-wing military faction in the Ethiopian Junta massacred its opponents, and threw out Addis Ababa's long-established U.S. ally. It turned to the Russians for military aid (the first consignment of 45,000 rifles and around 150 armoured vehicles have already arrived), and some 400-500 Cuban advisers are now on their way.

The adage about a bird in the hand being worth two in the bush apparently does not exist in Russia: Moscow seems to believe that it can gain Ethiopia without losing Somalia. Cuba's Dr. Castro went round the Horn in March proposing a Marxist federation of Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti, and an autonomous Eritrea.

Somalia's President Siad Barre decisively rejected that proposal in April: Somalia may be Marxist, but its national goal — the creation of Greater Somalia — comes first. He is now thinking over the standing Saudi Arabian offer to take Russia's place as arms and aid supplier. While he



ponders the question of kicking out the Russians, France has agreed to keep troops in independent Djibouti temporarily to postpone the crisis with Ethiopia.

Sudan, on the other side of Ethiopia, has just thrown out its own Russian military advisers and asked for U.S. military aid. It is actively cooperating with pro-American Arab states in backing the Eritrean guerrillas. France helped by ensuring that only the pro-Somalia party contested the independent election in Djibouti on May 8 (the pro-Ethiopian Afar parties boycotted it).

Ethiopia is now effectively surrounded by enemies, and Russian aid may not be enough to save it. War with Somalia will not come in June or July, however, unless the Ethiopian regime panics and tries to break out of the ring by seizing Djibouti. If it tries that, Somalia has said plainly that it will fight, and Sudan has hinted that it would too.

Otherwise, war will probably not come until Somalia has finally switched from Russian to Arab-American backing. At that point the French would leave, the Djibouti government would obediently vote for union with Somalia, and in the subsequent conflict Somalia would smash the tattered Ethiopian army and grab the Ogaden. Eritrea would then emerge as an independent Arab-orientated state, and the landlocked rump of Marxist Ethiopia would probably face further disintegration.

The Russians are the key. They could restore their position in Somalia by dropping their affair with Ethiopia, or they might try to save Ethiopia by injecting large numbers of Cuban troops — nothing less seems likely to succeed. In the meantime, Djibouti's temporary independence is a way of winning everyone more time to make up their minds.

Rivals 'inform' on U.S. firms, boycott official claims

ALEXANDRIA (AP). — Firms from Britain, France, Japan and West Germany are informing the Arab Boycott Organization about Israeli dealings with American companies in order to get them blacklisted, the boycott leader said Thursday.

"They are naturally interested in getting the Americans blacklisted in order to inherit the vast markets of the Arab world," said Mohammed Mahgoub, commissioner general of the Arab Boycott Office.

He declined to identify the companies.

Mahgoub spoke to boycott officers from 20 member countries of the Arab League after they read his secret report on how to combat the effect of U.S. legislation that would prohibit American companies from

complying with the boycott.

A final version of the new law has to be passed by the house of representatives before going to President Jimmy Carter, who has promised to sign it.

"Should U.S. companies adhere to the legislation, we are preparing plans to purchase the skills and equipment we need from producers in Europe and Japan," Mahgoub said.

He claimed substitutes for all American products, even weapons, were available to the Arabs from other suppliers. He sought to show that the U.S. had everything to lose and nothing to gain by passing the legislation.

Mahgoub said the conference will start examining next week the cases

of 90 Western firms that have asked to be taken off the Arab blacklist. These firms include Volkswagen and Barclays Bank, but it wasn't clear if they had made a commitment to close down their operations in Israel, a pre-requisite for being allowed into Arab markets.

Although Barclays was blacklisted more than a year ago, it is involved in a joint venture in Cairo with Egypt's Misr Bank. The arrangement is an example of how boycott rules are suspended when this suits the interests of an Arab country.

Mahgoub said Barclays could stay in Egypt if its petition were rejected, but couldn't renew its 10-year agreement here or open branches in any other Arab country.

Intermarriage advocated as one cure for Lebanese communal strife

By Aly Mahmoud

BEIRUT (AP). — Intermarriage between Christians and Moslems could be a "panacea for Lebanon's social ills," according to a prominent Christian official.

"We have suffered terribly during the 19-month civil war which was mainly the result of religious divergences in the country. It is high time we melted the highly variegated religious segments into one civil pot to produce harmonious offspring," Shalir Abu Suleiman, president of the Maronite Christian Association, said in an interview.

The Maronites are the most powerful minority in Lebanon. Since independence in 1943, Lebanon's presidents and armed forces commanders have come from the Maronite ranks. In the last five years, about 3,500 civil marriages between mixed Lebanese couples have been performed in Cyprus and Turkey, and later approved by the Lebanese government, officials here said.

The main protagonist of civil marriage in Lebanon, Joseph Mughayzel, 43, secretary general of the Democratic Party, claimed he knew of no divorces in Lebanon from mixed marriages. "Doesn't that mean something? Marriage by conviction is certainly more solid than marriage by tradition," said Mughayzel.

"Let's invest in love, in marriage, between the two great religions, rather than invest in hatred and war. We have had enough of hatred and war and bloodshed."

"I would never hesitate a second to marry off my daughter to a young Moslem, if any such man is suitable and interested," said the Maronite Association president.

"No, I would rather urge my daughter to commit suicide than let her marry a Christian," said Sheikh Mohammed Abu Obayyeh, head of the Al-Azhar mission in Lebanon. "It is clearly stated in the Koran... that Moslem men may marry Christian or Jewish women, but never can Moslem women marry Christian or Jewish men."

A Moslem physician, Dr. Samir Asfour, said Moslem women in general have no qualms about marrying Christian men "because marriages in Christian society tend to provide immunity against arbitrary divorce."

Under Sharia, Islamic law, a Moslem husband can divorce his wife at will, without any legal formality beyond that of repudiating her. Once a woman is divorced, her former husband will have to pay her "the mahr," a sum agreed upon in the marriage settlement.

Moslem men are allowed up to four wives at a time, but economic factors tend to discourage polygamy now.

"In Lebanon, more than anywhere else in the world, the need for civil marriage is so great that the government must take prompt action to encourage and codify it," said Mughayzel. "I yearn for the society in which a Moslem boy will have a Christian nephew, a Jewish niece, a

Moslem mother and a Christian father. Hatred and animosity would become minimal and war would vanish from our already troubled life."

But Sheikh Hassan Tamim, member of the Supreme Shria Council, disagreed. He argued that "we can only anticipate a rift between husbands and wives of different religions as to which religion or denomination their offspring should adopt."

"If we leave civil marriage unchecked, families will collapse and posterity will be up against the wall with social bickering and animosities within families," he warned.

He claimed that Islam possesses a "great heritage" as far as marriage, divorce and heritage laws are concerned. But Christians don't have the same heritage, he said, and "why should our Christian leaders try to get us to sacrifice ours in order to become our equals. Let them develop their own heritage if they want to stand on equal footing with Islam."

"Nonsense," reacted a prominent Moslem politician. "Lebanon would be better off if all those sheikhs and priests are dumped in the Mediterranean. Let our sons and daughters of both religions marry and love each other. This would recreate the Lebanon of our dream."

He insisted on remaining anonymous because "I don't want those professional preachers to bad mouth me simply because I express an honest opinion."

CAIRO (Oms). — Between 1,000 and 1,500 persons are still awaiting trial in connection with last January's riots in Egypt.

Some have been released on bail, but the majority are in prison and no date has been fixed for the trials.

In April, the prosecutor general published acts of indictment against more than 1,100 arrested during and immediately after the troubles. Accusations include taking part in demonstrations, damaging and setting fire to public property, looting, receiving stolen goods, carrying weapons and, in a few cases, wounding and killing members of the police force and other citizens.

Among those rounded up were persons suspected of being involved in politics — writers, journalists, lawyers and students. They were charged by President Anwar Sadat (in speeches and statements), by officials and the press of inciting the people to riot, of organising the uprisings and conspiring to overthrow the regime. Some are accused of belonging to "secret Communist organisations."

A prominent lawyer who was released on bail recently said that 190 political prisoners are still being held.

Until fairly recently it was widely assumed there would not be any political trials, since most of the detainees in this category were rounded up, as a matter of course, in 1972, 1973 and 1975, when there were worker and students riots. Each time they were held, without trial, for some weeks, months and in some cases for up to two years, then released "for lack of evidence."

Legal sources who have been following interrogations said that, this time also, there is no evidence of involvement of the political prisoners in the January events.

Public opinion as a whole — also Western diplomatic and other observers — has been that the riots were a spontaneous uprising sparked by a government announcement on the morning of January 18 that subsidies were to be removed and prices hiked on several basic foodstuffs and commodities.

Lately, when Egypt became in-

Political prisoners in Sadat's Egypt

By IRENE BEESON / Oms

involved in Zaïre and Sadat obsessively concerned with the "Communist threat to Egypt and Africa," there was a hardening of the official attitude to the Soviet Union and towards Egypt's "Communists" — a term loosely and indiscriminately applied to all dissidents. This led to speculation there would be trials, after all.

Because of lack of evidence or when their innocence was established during interrogation, magistrates recommended the "immediate release of many among those political prisoners who will nevertheless have to face trial, and who are still detained."

Such a situation was possible under "sovereignty of the law," legal sources explained, because when the authorities were determined to maintain someone "lawfully" in detention there were means and ways of inventing, altering and switching charges.

That there is such manipulation is confirmed by persons released — unconditionally or to await trial.

The case of Muhammad Salmawy, staff writer of the leading Cairo daily "Al-Ahram," illustrates the bizarre way in which sovereignty of the law is applied in Egypt.

Salmawy spent six weeks in detention and considers himself to be among the fortunate few who were treated relatively decently.

On January 18 — the first day of the riots — Salmawy was in his office from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The riots started at mid-morning. He went straight home — he lives in Ma'adi, about 15 kms. south of Cairo, is married and has two infant children.

At about 8 o'clock the following morning — the riots continued for 48 hours — a security man in plain clothes called at his house and "invited" him to go with him to the

police station "for a few words."

The security man did not have a warrant of arrest. He assured Salmawy these charges would be dropped and he would be back home within minutes.

At the police station he was thrust into a small cell with about thirty ordinary criminals, some of whom said they had been detained there for up to a month, waiting to appear in court to be charged. Sovereignty of the law requires that this should occur within 48 hours.

Salmawy was not allowed to call his home, office or lawyer. Late that evening he was taken, manacled to two policemen, to the Citadel Jail, where he spent 24 or 48 hours (he lost count) in solitary confinement in a dank, pitch dark cell — no window, a heavy wooden inner door and an outer door of iron bars.

From the Citadel, Salmawy was transferred with 20 other political prisoners — four of them journalists — who had been detained there in similar conditions. They were taken to the overcrowded and filthy Bab el Khalk Prison in central Cairo. All 21 were put into one cell, about four metres by two.

Salmawy's arrest was reported in the press with the charge that he was a member of the Leftist Party — which is legal — and had been arrested at the scene of the riots.

"He is, he explains, a 'Nasserist.' He is 32 years old. 'I was brought up in the Nasser era and continue to follow the line of the 1952 Revolution, as President Sadat and the regime claim to do,' he said. He has never been a member of the Communist Party or a Communist."

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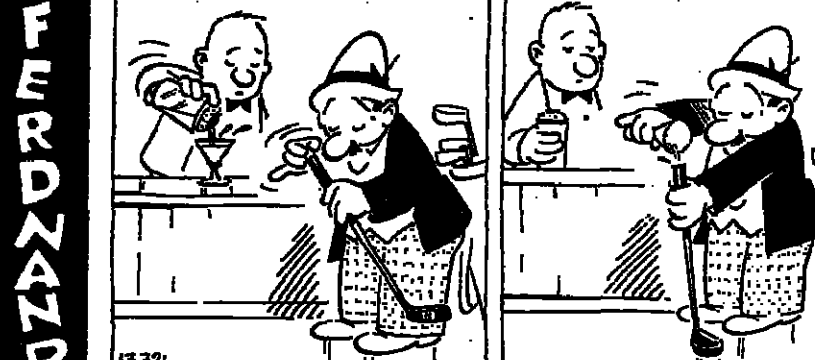
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THERE'S SECOND BASE — Rina Mor, the reigning Miss Universe, gets an explanation of baseball fundamentals from Billy Martin, manager of the New York Yankees, as she watches her first baseball game in New York on Friday. (UPI/Telephoto)

Tennis proving the most popular entry in the 10th Maccabiah

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — With the start of the 10th Maccabiah now just a month away on July 12, tennis continues to prove easily the most popular of the 34 sports being contested at the games.

To date, 24 countries have entered for the main tennis championships and seven for the first-ever Maccabiah veterans' (over-45) tennis meet. The host's team in the latter event will include Shmuel Lalkin, secretary-general of the local sports federation and head of Israel's Maccabiah contingent, who won the national veterans' championships

here two years ago. The U.S. will have a giant squad of 32 players at the tournament.

There are so far a total of 18 entries for track and field, soccer and table tennis, and 16 for both swimming and basketball. About 12 teams have registered for golf, judo and volleyball.

About 12 nations have signed up for the bridge and chess tournaments, which for the first time are being held as special events within the context of the games. Competing in chess will be a player from Norway, marking that country's debut in the Maccabiah.

When Tel Aviv Maccabi's basket-

ball star Mickey Berkowitz enters the stadium carrying the Maccabiah torch, he will be escorted by leading Israeli sportsmen Edouard Weitz and Andre Holcer, two recent immigrants from Eastern Europe. Both were top weightlifters in their countries of origin — Weitz is from Russia and Holcer from Romania — and are now continuing their successful careers in Israel's colors.

Weitz finished fifth in the weightlifting featherweight class at Montreal, the best placing to date by an Israeli at any Olympics.

Twelve of the 34 nations taking part in the meet have so far sent in their final lists of entries. It was learned on Friday from games headquarters at Kfar Hamaccabiah here. Most of the remaining countries have stated that their lists are on the way.

Among the 12 final lists is that of the 70-strong German contingent, who will be accompanied by special Maccabiah guests Willie Weyer and Karl Hans Giesler, respectively president and secretary-general of the West German sports federation. The team includes the country's eighth-ranking table tennis player Blanka Rohan, who won a gold medal at the last games. The Federal Republic first appeared at the Maccabiah at the eighth games in 1969.

Rhodesia's participants at the meet will again only be permitted to compete as individuals and will not be able to display their national flag or wear the national colors. This is in line with Israel's adherence to the international boycott of the Smith regime. The Rhodesian contingent will be limited to a bowls team.

12-strong badminton squad named for Maccabiah

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Immigrants from the Soviet Union, Britain and South Africa and four Israel-born players, make up Israel's 12-strong badminton team for the 10th Maccabiah next month.

The "baby" of the squad, Moroccan-born Yitzhak Serrouya, 24, is expected to be one of the youngest participants in the whole of the games. The five-day badminton tournament will take place in Ramat Gan and will be played on a league basis. Israel Badminton Association heads Jeff Gerfen and David Hinden told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday.

Competing with Israel in the meet when the sport makes its bow in the Maccabiah are Canada, Denmark, Holland and Sweden. This will be the first international badminton tournament ever held here.

The host team was chosen last week after more than six months of trials, conducted first by the association's eight affiliated clubs and later at national level.

Captain and trainer of the side is Riga-born Michael Schmiedman, 37, of Pardes Hanna, who finished second to his club-mate Victor Yussim, 23, in last month's first national

badminton championships at Beit Yitzhak. Both played badminton for Latvia before settling in Israel some three years ago.

Serrouya, who took third place in the Beit Yitzhak event, is one of three teenage members of the Ashdod club in the men's line-up. The others are Yehuda Ben-Ashimol, 16, and Nissim Duk, 15, both of them born in Israel. All three were in the Ashdod "A" side which earlier this year became the winners of the association's first league championship.

The Maccabiah squad is completed by Pinhas Eliahu, 25, of Kiron-Givatayim, a former top-class performer in the sport in Georgia in the Soviet Union.

The women's team is headed by Raya Grunstein and Paloma Raychart, both of Kiron, who were respectively winner and runner-up at the national championships. The other members are Dina Levy (Mataiah Zvi), Pitha Ben-Shimon (Pardes Hanna) and Vivien Meyerowitz and Carol Silman (Kiron), the latter a former Middlesex junior player.

The Canadian challenge at the Maccabiah will be led by Mike Epstein, his country's fourth-ranking badminton player.

Israeli hoopsters face U.S. sports orphans

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI (Reuter). — A U.S. team, loser of three of its five matches in Europe, opens the home portion of its Intercontinental Cup basketball competition against Israel at the Kiel auditorium here tonight.

The U.S. squad is selected from the universities comprising the metropolitan seven basketball conference — Cincinnati, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Memphis State, St. Louis, Tulane and Florida State.

The U.S. victories in Europe were over Israel, 95-86, and Belgium, 105-85. They lost to the Soviet Union, 114-105, to Italy, 107-85, and to Yugoslavia, 117-92.

Bill Wall, president of the U.S. Amateur Basketball Association, says the team is not to be regarded in any way as a national side.

Wall is hesitant to criticize the calibre of the team's play, but makes clear he would like the U.S. to have a stronger representative in the Intercontinental Cup — a competition which most American basketball fans do not even know exists.

The U.S. games in Europe were almost completely ignored by the American news media, which at this time of the year is more concerned with baseball, tennis, golf and soccer.

Final FIFA warning to Asia football

ZURICH (AP). — The International Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) issued a stern final warning on Friday to its Asian members to revoke the expulsion of Israel and Taiwan and the admission of China to the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

FIFA press officer Rene Courte said: "If the majority of Asian national associations who are direct members of FIFA decide to stick to the decisions made by the AFC congress, then the FIFA executive committee would have to deal with this new situation and would also have to consider taking sanctions against the individual national associations who were opposing FIFA's authority."

"What would happen if a majority of the Asian national associations were not to comply with this final FIFA ultimatum is unthinkable."

"But for the world organization of football, there is no doubt that it must stick to the observance of the basic FIFA principles and see that the FIFA statutes are respected. Otherwise, this would be the first step toward the disintegration and complete powerlessness of FIFA."

At a meeting in Monte Carlo last month, the AFC was given 90 days by FIFA to rescind its decisions. Suspension from FIFA, said Courte, could be the AFC's final punishment if no answer is received by August 5.

This would result in the FIFA grant to the AFC being cancelled. Among several other sanctions, the AFC would no longer be allowed to hold continental youth tournaments.

Baseball standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	34	13	.682	—
Pittsburgh	30	21	.588	3
St. Louis	32	23	.582	3
Philadelphia	30	24	.556	4½
Milwaukee	23	29	.442	10½
New York	22	33	.407	12½

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB
Los Angeles	37	20	.649	—
Cincinnati	27	26	.509	8
San Francisco	26	23	.528	12
San Diego	26	24	.519	12½
Houston	23	28	.452	13½
Atlanta	21	37	.362	16½

Friday's games: Chicago 4, San Francisco 1; Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 6; Cincinnati 15, Montreal 1; Pittsburgh 10, San Diego 7, 11 innings; Houston 4, New York 1; St. Louis, 4, Los Angeles 7, 12 innings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB
New York	33	24	.579	—
Boston	30	24	.556	1½
Baltimore	30	25	.545	2
Milwaukee	26	30	.463	5½
Cleveland	23	27	.459	6½
Detroit	23	30	.434	6
Toronto	22	31	.413	9

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	33	23	.590	—
Chicago	30	24	.556	2
Texas	28	25	.530	4½
California	27	26	.509	4½
Kansas City	26	28	.481	6
Oakland	26	28	.481	6
Seattle	24	30	.440	11

Friday's games: Baltimore 6, Chicago 1; Texas at Boston, postponed, rain; New York 4, Minnesota 1; Milwaukee 4, Kansas City 3; California 1, Cleveland 0; Detroit 6, Oakland 4; Toronto 4, Seattle 2.

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Swimming goes electronic, but not faster

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The first electronic clock for timing of sports events in Israel was introduced at a two-day swimming meet at the Wingate Institute in Netanya over the weekend.

The Omega electronic clock did not speed up the swimmers and no national records were established. But a new generation of swimmers did emerge and will represent Israel at the 10th Maccabiah in one month's time.

Ron Kerman, 19, won the 100-metre freestyle in 57.33 seconds and the 100-metre breast-stroke in 1:12.6 minutes. Fourteen-year-old Amir Ganiel was second in the 100-m freestyle in 57.74 seconds, and went on to win the 400-m freestyle in 4:25.24 minutes.

Iris Karp, 16, won the 100-metre women's freestyle in 60.04 seconds beating Ornat Ehrlich, also 16, into second place (60.05 secs). Ehrlich turned the tables on Karp in winning the 400-metre freestyle with a time 4:55.04 minutes.

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End of an ordeal

THE DRAMATIC Dutch military action which freed 53 hostages from their three-week ordeal at the hands of South Moluccan terrorists was compared in the first moments of exhilaration to Israel's action at Entebbe a year ago. The more apt analogy would be the action at Ben-Gurion airport freeing the hostages aboard the Sabena plane in 1972.

There is a difference, however, in the timing of the two actions. The Dutch were forced to wait for a nerve-racking three weeks due to the pressures of public opinion against overt military action. Under the circumstances it is doubtful whether the operation could have been carried out with fewer casualties among the hostages. What is certain is that the hostages could have been spared the psychological torture of these last three weeks — whose lasting effects have not yet been fully assessed — had the Dutch been prepared for more precipitate and determined military action.

These regrettable terrorist acts abroad are always a ready reminder of the fact that it was the Palestinian terrorists who paved the way for the brutal, and often mindless, terrorism which has characterized this decade. It is the initial liberal reaction in the democratic West of condoning and groveling before the most egregious acts of PLO terrorism, such as the murder of the Israeli Olympic athletes at Munich five years ago, which has led to the spread of the plague of international terrorism.

It is ironic that the non-democratic countries have little trouble and fewer scruples in handling the terrorism that spills over into their midst. Thus Damascus, when it was subjected to a terrorist attack last year, made short shrift of the terrorists by hanging them in the public square with nary a peep out of the liberal West.

Democracies understandably must wrestle with their collective consciences in dealing with this new phenomenon which threatens their very social fabric. Israel has often been accused by its friends of evincing certain reckless bravado in meeting the challenge of terrorism against its civilian population head on. This is, of course, a naïvely wrong interpretation which ignores the fact that Israel has been the first democracy which has consistently had to confront this modern madness.

The unfortunate truth is that in an increasingly brutalized world there is no escape for democracies from the imperative resort to force — even when it entails danger to innocent victims and hostages — in order to maintain themselves as islands of personal security and social sanity.

It should be emphasized, however, that the fight against terrorism cannot be won unless the democratic West, which has been the main victim, regains confidence in the integrity of its values and institutions in the face of a new age of barbarism.

POSTSCRIPTS

ISRAELI Television recently introduced a new series of service broadcasts devoted to the importance of "finishing" in our products, pointing out the sloppy stitching on a shirt, the non-alignment of a refrigerator door, and so on. The lesson is a valuable one and, apart from introducing the (to us) new Hebrew word of "gimur," comes not a second too late.

The elaborate brochure put out on "Film Making in Israel" by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Film Centre, is a similar case in point in another field.

The 48-page publication, printed on expensive glossy paper and containing a large number of coloured photographs, is designed to acquaint potential film-makers with the location and production possibilities offered by Israel. Visually, it is an attractive piece of work. Textually, when read carefully, as it was by Prof. Yaakov Lorch who sent it to us, it is an expensive of money in a waste of shame.

"The area near Nazareth is life with Christian churches" is Pinguish at its lowest.

Whether the statement that "the prototype of the kibbutz member is healthy and handsome" is true or not depends on whether that prototype is a relative of yours.

"Tel Aviv-Jaffa is the centre of a wide hub of areas" is a peculiar figure of speech while the fact that Dizengoff Boulevard shows "a

variegation of faces" only makes one presume that the text was translated by a badly programmed computer.

One could go on quoting ad infinitum and ad nauseam. Surely it is high time that the importance of finishing in our printed material is given the same thought as is now beginning to be given to our industrial production.

ISRAELI newspapers are full of advertisements these days for all kinds of exotic holidays abroad. But we haven't yet noticed anything along the lines of the "honeymoon holidays" advertised, according to an Otna article, in the German press.

For the equivalent of some £147,000, German bachelors are offered three weeks of "sand, sun and sex, with a slender, sweet natured spouse" at the end of it. The only snag — the new bride probably speaks only Thai, unless she is Lactian, Chinese or Burmese.

The wife-seeking tourist is taken to Bangkok where he spends the first week getting to know the girl or studying the field. Selection must be finalized in the second week. This is followed by an engagement party, a visit to the girl's family and sightseeing. The wedding takes place during the third week.

Most of the girls are aged 20 to 25 and come from poor farming families or are illegitimate or were seduced into prostitution, etc., etc. Thailand now has a booming traffic in female flesh which was started with the dollars of American GI's on rest and recreation tours. The dollars are now replaced by Deutsch Marks and yen.

A European bar owner in Bangkok summed it all up in economic terms: "Beautiful women are one of Thailand's natural resources. We're just helping them to exploit it."

READERS' LETTERS

THE REAL OBSTACLE TO PEACE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It appears that the election results have generated a certain amount of apprehension in the Western media. This has bordered, in some cases, on hysteria. The major theme of the media's reaction is that the new government is likely to diminish the prospects for peace.

This response to the workings of the only democracy in the entire Middle East reflects a serious misunderstanding of the situation in this part of the world.

It is mistaken to believe that the issue of war and peace is largely a matter of Israeli policy, particularly that about Judea and Samaria.

Peace between Israel and the Arab countries has very little, if anything, to do with this. Whatever Israeli says or does, there is the likelihood of war so long as the Arab countries are ruled by dictatorships. The real obstacle to peace is the inability of the Arab people to influence the

regimes under which they live. These regimes, all of them lacking in elementary human rights, do not have to respond to the needs of the people. Instead, like all dictators, they use their power solely in the interest of the ruling cliques.

Only when the Arab people are free of their despots and can devote their energies to dealing with their real problems of poverty, disease, and poor education will there be a solid chance for peace.

To assume, in a one-sided fashion, that prospects for peace are all a matter of what Israel does is quite fallacious. The real issue is the nature of the Arab societies and Israel cannot do much to affect them. Peace will come through internal changes in the Arab countries and that task is up to the Arab people, not an Israeli government, of whatever political complexion.

RAM WOLF
Jerusalem

AMERICAN INTENTIONS — AND RESULTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Americans are the best-intentioned people in the world, but there's an old saying, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." They got the Dutch out of Indonesia. Results: 1) Mass slaughter of so-called Communists, a hysteria of killing something like that in the Lebanon last year; 2) Papuans and Moluccans handed over to alien rule — as alien as and more ruthless than that of the Dutch or Australians.

The Americans got the French out of Indochina, (and got themselves in) and look what happened then! Apart from the damage they did to themselves and to North and South Vietnam, we have been trying not to hear about the mass slaughter of Cambodians and Laotians.

They got the Belgians out of the Congo, and now French and Moroccan (and some Belgians too) have had to be kept in the Congo. They got the "Federal regime" out of Ethiopia, and what have the wretched Ethiopians got now? One thing they haven't got is famine relief, but the killings are still going on.

There are other examples, nearer home (our home, not the Americans') and nearer the bone. Republicans and Democrats alike, Ike and Jack and Lyndon and Dick and Henry and Jimmy and Uncle Sam and all, trying to act as the emissaries of the Holy One Blessed Be He, have done the Devil no little service.

DAFNA ALLON
Jerusalem

THE "THREE-PLUS" PROGRAMME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The report by Marsha Pomerantz, "Big families demand probe of official rehousing scheme" (May 9) suggests that, although Bank Tefahot received large sums of money from the Ministry of Housing for purposes of the "Three-Plus" programme for assistance to

families living in overcrowded conditions, it used only half of such funds for purposes of the programme. The implication of impropriety is inescapable; and the charge is wholly without foundation.

The truth is just the opposite. Bank Tefahot does not receive and never has received any amount whatever from the Ministry of Housing for purposes of the "Three-Plus" programme until after it has made a loan in that amount under the programme.

With respect to the terms and conditions of the programme and the criteria of eligibility for assistance, which are determined by the Ministry of Housing and which Bank Tefahot is charged with carrying out, your report is partial, inaccurate and misleading. The Ministry of Housing has published terms of the programme in readily available booklet form, and your reporter could easily have checked the charges reportedly made by representatives of Zahavi before giving them currency.

Since the "Three-Plus" programme was inaugurated, 6,300 families have received loans in an aggregate amount of IL 83.3 million.

A. NORA, Secretary
Bank Tefahot
Jerusalem

Marsha Pomerantz comments: Zahavi's request for an investigation of the "Three-Plus" scheme is based on very specific complaints from large families who believe the scheme is supposed to be helping them.

Their question is not whether the terms for implementation exist, but the "draconian" way they are interpreted, as Dr. Eliezer Jaffe, an executive of Zahavi, puts it.

For instance, one criterion is the number of rooms in the family's flat. When some Zahavi members contended that the programme's assessor counted a "hall" as a "room," they were not allowed to appeal in person, and were not told who was considering their appeal.

It is true that the terms are available in a booklet. The programme began in late 1973. The booklet was published in July, 1976. That 6,300 families have been helped is commendable. But Zahavi requests clarification of the reasons for turning down many requests, and the length of time taken to process the applications and appeals.

TRANSLATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Christian Comment article (April 29) is in error when asserting that Franz Delitzsch sought the advice of "fellow Jews" when translating the Christian Bible ("New Testament") into Hebrew. He was a German Protestant theologian — not a Jew.

The article was disappointing, too, in its selective editing of Professor Flusser's comments on the study of Joseph Klausner entitled "Jesus in Nazareth." By deleting certain key sentences, it unbalances and distorts Klausner's image of Jesus and early Christianity. (Compare: Encyclopedia Judaica, Vol. 10, pages 1094-1095).

Reporting the release of a new translation is one thing. The article in question carries a distinct missionary pitch. I suggest that few of your subscribers seek an evangelical message in The Jerusalem Post. Why include one?

MYRON S. DUNAY
Jacksonville, Florida

Olkoumenikos comments: A usually reliable source in Jerusalem had told me that Franz Delitzsch was born of Jewish parents. Investigation seems to indicate the contrary. The apparent error is deeply regretted.

No distortion of Klausner nor of Prof. Flusser was intended. Readers can judge for themselves by reading the pages in the Encyclopedia Judaica which were cited in my article.

The Jerusalem Post is to be commended for permitting publication of views which reflect Jerusalem's diversity. Christian Comment, by its very title, suggests the writer's commitment to one of three major faith traditions here. It should not be surprising that the author implies the New Testament is worth reading. It is unfortunate that Reader Dunay finds such free expression objectionable.

HOW TO IMPROVE VOTING SYSTEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On Election Day, I volunteered to take several residents of an old age home to their polling stations. This was an experience which I will never forget. Some of these old people were afraid — not to vote — but that I might leave them at the polling station and not bring them back to the security of the home.

All of the polling stations were within walking distance from the home for a young and healthy person, but impossible to reach for the old and sick, except by car. Those who did not have relatives with cars had therefore to rely on volunteers — or forsake their privilege to vote.

In several cases there were two or even more polling stations in the same school, and it is not clear to me why one of these could not have been located at the old age home itself.

I would like to urge that the Election Committee for the 10th Knesset see to it that, polling stations be situated not only in army camps but also in hospitals, old age homes and other institutions.

GERALD E. TAUBER
Tel Aviv

SHOCKED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was surprised to read in "Marketing with Martha" (May 20) that the "Drive-In" of Moshav Beit Herut is open on the Sabbath from 9:30 in the morning non-stop until 8:00 at night. I would not have believed that such blatant callousness to Jewish feeling and tradition could be tolerated in the Jewish State.

I infer Martha's own muted criticism from her remark that perhaps a five-day week might discourage such disregard for the Sabbath. I doubt it: the search for commercial gain at the cost of every value seems too deep-rooted to be eliminated so easily.

I wonder why the business community is silent, as this is a flagrant case of unfair competition.

REBECCA GOLDBERG
Jerusalem

CYCLING MEDALS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In the caption of boxer Mendosa's picture (May 13), you claim that the 15 gold medals of Menashe Lurion, a turn-of-the-century European champion cyclist, were donated by Mrs. Lil Handler of Vienna. As a matter of fact, they were donated to the Jewish Sports Champion Exhibition Hall in Haifa by Menashe Lurion's children — Mrs. M. Solkin-Lurion and myself.

H. LURION
Paris

TERRIFIC RESPONSE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Speaking in the name of the members of Kibbutz Ma'ale Gilboa, I wish to thank all those who responded to our letter requesting English books (April 19). The response was fantastic. Due to contributions from all over the country, we now enjoy a nice library with a great variety of books.

Thank you again very much.

TAMAR SPANIER,
Librarian
Ma'ale Gilboa

Who is to blame for Israel's electoral system?

By MISHA LOUVISH

THERE ARE GOOD reasons to doubt Mr. Walter Eytan's statement in these columns (June 6), that "it was the UN General Assembly that saddled Israel with proportional representation."

It is true that paragraph 10 of the Partition Plan adopted on November 29, 1947, called for the Constituent Assemblies of the Jewish and Arab States to be established to draft a democratic constitution providing, *inter alia*, for elections "on the basis of proportional representation."

But this did not necessarily imply the extreme form adopted by Israel, whereby the entire country became one constituency. It could equally well have covered the method proposed by the Labour Party in the last two Knessets (and now supported by the Likud): the election of two-thirds of the members in multi-member constituencies, and the rest by countrywide proportional representation.

Besides, very few of the detailed provisions of the Partition Plan were actually carried out. Most of them were nullified by the British refusal to co-operate, by Arab aggression, and by the results of the War of Independence. To mention only one example, the Plan called on the provisional government of each State to issue a declaration on a score of "stipulations," which would be recognized as "fundamental laws of the State." But Israel's Declaration of Independence ignored most of these requirements and, of course, it was not given supreme constitutional validity.

There does not seem to be any convincing reason why the Israeli leaders, preparing for the first elections in the second half of 1949, should have regarded the proportional representation proposal as particularly sacrosanct.

IN FACT, very different arguments in favour of the system were cited by David Ben-Gurion, Mapai's leading legal authority at the time, in presenting it to the Provisional Council of State of October 28, 1948.

Ben-Gurion did, indeed, mention one of the reasons suggested by Eytan — the familiarity of the system — but his main justification for proposing it as a one-time measure was that "at this stage and in these elections, in the circumstances in which we are placed, conditions of war and the mobilization of a large proportion of the country's citizens ... we have no other way than to carry out the elections according to the countrywide proportional system."

Ben-Gurion, however, proposed the single-member constituency system, but he was outvoted. In a later discussion of the subject, he did not contest the validity of Ben-Gurion's argument.

NOR IS IT quite true that, as Mr. Eytan claims, "No one foresaw...the

difficulties that proportional representation would create." Ben-Gurion clearly envisaged them at the time. And on November 4, 1948, Ariele Altman, then a Revisionist representative in the Provisional Council of State, analysed the disadvantages with remarkable insight and prescience:

"The public has no influence on the personality of the candidate, since the voter has to vote for one list or another, which is arranged by the party machine...There is no personal tie between the electorate and the person elected..."

"The fragmentation of forces and the multiplicity of parties lead to party tension and corruption...As a result of party fragmentation various parties...combine to constitute a majority, not for the purpose of a common national programme, but in order to share out posts, budgets, etc."

Unfortunately, the Revisionists were superseded by Herut, whose resistance to reform was the major factor preventing the adoption of a compromise between Mapai (Labour) and the General Zionist (Liberals) until a few months ago.

MR. EYTAN raised another interesting point: the position of the Arabs under a reformed system. By he overstates the gravity of the problem.

The Arabs might reasonably expect representation according to their proportion in the electorate (8 per cent according to a recent Bureau of Statistics survey), and according to their percentage of the population. The former is much smaller, because of the high percentage of Arabs under voting age, as it would justify 10 or 11 members in the Knesset.

Almost 73 per cent of the Arab electorate are concentrated in the Nazareth and Acre sub-districts of the Haifa Region, making up about 28 per cent of the 535,000 voters in these areas. Under the proportional system, according to which members would be elected in 168 multi-member constituencies, the Arab (with some adjustment of boundaries) should be divided into 16 such constituencies, and the Arab with reasonable co-operation among themselves and with the main Jewish parties, might be able to return one member in each.

In addition, one Arab member could also win a place in each of Central and Southern Regions, three or four could be returned in countrywide election of 40 members by proportional representation.

All this, of course, depends — at the present system — on the Arab electors organizing themselves to prevent wastage of votes. In local elections, the major parties might find it advantageous to give Arab candidates a place in each of their five-member lists in areas with a large Arab population.

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